In the afternoon, the President met with members of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, who updated him on the Commission's progress.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President and Mrs. Bush presented the National Medal of Arts awards and the National Humanities Medal awards.

The President announced the following recipients of the National Medal of Arts for 2004: the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Ray Bradbury, Carlisle Floyd, Frederick "Rick" Hart, Anthony Hecht, John Ruthven, Vincent Scully, and Twyla Tharp.

The President announced the following recipients of the National Humanities Medal for 2004: Marva Collins, Gertrude Himmelfarb, Hilton Kramer, Madeleine L'Engle, Harvey Mansfield, John Searle, Shelby Steele, and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.

The President announced his intention to appoint Harriet Miers as Counsel to the President.

November 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Little Rock, AR.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The President announced that the following individuals will serve as the leadership of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Committee: Jeanne L. Phillips, Chairman, Greg Jenkins, Executive Director, and Bill and Kathy DeWitt, Brad Freeman, and Mercer and Gabrielle Reynolds, Cochairs.

The President announced that the following individuals will serve as members of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Finance Committee: Nancy and Rich Kinder, Dawn and Al Hoffman, Dawn and Roland Arnall, Marcie and Bruce Benson, Sue Ellen and Joe Canizaro, Germaine and Jim Culbertson, Marilyn and Sam Fox, Martha and Dwight Schar, and Patty and Roger Williams.

November 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Santiago, Chile, arriving in the evening.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 16

Jonathan Steven Adelstein,

of South Dakota, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2008 (reappointment).

Harold Jennings Creel, Jr.,

of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2009 (reappointment).

Patricia Cushwa,

of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the U.S. Parole Commission for a term of 6 years, vice Janie L. Jeffers.

Michael V. Dunn,

of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 19, 2006, vice James E. Newsome, resigned.

Carolyn L. Gallagher,

of Texas, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2005, vice Erensta Ballard, resigned, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Louis J. Giuliano,

of New York, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009, vice Albert Casey, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Alberto R. Gonzales,

of Texas, to be Attorney General, vice John Ashcroft, resigned.

Tony Hammond,

of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010 (reappointment).

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg,

of Wisconsin, to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007 (reappointment).

Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr.,

of New York, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2009, vice Richard A. Meserve, resigned.

Jacob Joseph Lew,

of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2008, vice Arthur J. Naparstek, term expired.

Mimi Mager,

of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2007, vice Mark D. Gearan, term expired.

Laurie Stenberg Nichols,

of South Dakota, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2010, vice Donna Dearman Smith, term expired.

Edward Alton Parrish,

of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2008, vice Hans Mark, resigned.

Charles P. Ruch,

of South Dakota, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2010, vice Niranjan Shamalbhai Shah, term expired.

Jay T. Snyder,

of New York, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2007 (reappointment).

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson,

of Virginia, to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007 (reappointment).

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson,

of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (reappointment).

Dallas Tonsager,

of South Dakota, to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2010, vice Michael M. Reyna, term expired.

Sharon Tucker,

of Georgia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2005, vice E. Gordon Gee, term expired.

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr.,

of Missouri, to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009 (reappointment).

Ernest J. Wilson III,

of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010 (reappointment).

Jennifer M. Anderson,

of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Steffen W. Graae, retired.

A. Noel Anketell Kramer,

of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of 15 years, vice John Montague Steadman, retired.

Withdrawn November 16

Ann C. Rosenthal,

of Iowa, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2003, vice Steve M. Hays, term expired, and for a term expiring September 7, 2006 (reappointment), which were sent to the Senate on June 12, 2003.

Lawrence T. Di Rita,

of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Victoria Clarke, which was sent to the Senate on November 21, 2003.

Submitted November 17

A. Wilson Greene,

of Virginia, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009 (reappointment).

Katina P. Strauch.

of South Carolina, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009, vice Elizabeth J. Pruet, term expiring.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 13

Statement by Dr. Jonathan Reiner, Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at George Washington University Hospital, on the Vice President's medical evaluation

Released November 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released November 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's upcoming visit to Ottawa, Canada

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Delaware

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alaska

Announcement on the appointment of Stephen J. Hadley as National Security Adviser

Released November 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary expressing sympathy to the family of Margaret Hassan

Released November 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the election process in Ukraine

Released November 19

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2986

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.